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The Department's **ILLINOIS TOMORROW** Initiative is a bold, coordinated approach to balanced growth for communities throughout the state of Illinois. It promotes voluntary state/local partnerships and focuses on state programs that invest in existing communities. **ILLINOIS TOMORROW** is a comprehensive effort guided by the core principles of reducing traffic congestion, preserving open space, encouraging reinvestment and redevelopment, enhancing the quality of life, and encouraging local government partnership. As part of the **ILLINOIS TOMORROW** initiative, the Department has created the Corridor Planning Grant Program to help local governments develop land use and infrastructure plans that promote the efficient use of transportation facilities and enhance the quality of life.

What is the Corridor Planning Grant Program?

The Department's Corridor Planning Grant Program is a five-year \$15 million grant program for local governments in urbanized areas. The program will support planning activities that promote the integration of land use, transportation and infrastructure facility planning in transportation corridors in Illinois. The goals of the program are to:

- Promote land use and transportation solutions to reduce the growth of traffic congestion
- Connect infrastructure and development decisions
- Promote balanced economic development to reduce infrastructure costs
- Promote intergovernmental cooperation

In addition, the program strives to:

- Promote public-private partnerships and coalitions
- Promote collaboration among local governments, the development industry, labor and environmental organizations
- Minimize the cost to taxpayers for infrastructure and maximize the use of existing infrastructure

The Corridor Planning Grant Program will fund activities that address these goals. Examples of projects that qualify include:

- Development of transit oriented/mixed use development plans to increase transportation options, improve walkability, and enhance access to transit.

- Development of intergovernmental agreements that provides for multi-jurisdictional planning of land use, zoning and developmental decisions.
- Development of public-private plans and agreements that provide for and encourage affordable housing for workers that is convenient to employment centers.
- Creation of multi-community corridor plans to develop efficient transportation facilities and land uses.
- Projects that promote economic development and/or consider redevelopment opportunities.
- Projects that relieve traffic congestion.

Who can apply?

The Department's **ILLINOIS TOMORROW** Corridor Planning Grant Program is a partnership with local governments that will utilize incentives to address balanced growth issues. The Corridor Planning Grant Program is intended to assist local governments in evaluating and addressing interaction between land development and infrastructure decisions. Since Illinois municipalities and counties are empowered to influence land development decisions, they are the targeted recipients for this program. Multi-jurisdictional and public-private partnerships involving municipalities and counties will be encouraged. Also, since the focus of the program is to promote balanced growth in urbanized areas, municipalities and counties in the fourteen urbanized areas listed below are eligible to receive grants under this program.

Northeastern Illinois

Kankakee

Rockford

South Beloit

East Dubuque

The Quad Cities

Peoria

Bloomington-Normal

Champaign-Urbana

Decatur

Springfield

St. Louis Metro-East Area

DeKalb

Danville

Innovative intergovernmental, public-private and non-traditional partnerships are encouraged.

Who is eligible?

Grant recipients must be a county or municipality within the identified urbanized areas. The program encourages partnerships, but a county or municipality must be the grantee.

What is the MPO's role in this program?

The MPO will review applications to ensure regional coordination and consistency between the regional and local planning efforts. The Corridor Planning Grant Program will be administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Where can I learn more?

For more information regarding The Department's Corridor Planning Grant Program, please contact your local Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Illinois Department of Transportation at (217)782-2863, or visit the web site at www.dot.state.il.us/corridorplanning/corridor_grant.html. All projects will be administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation as a reimbursement activity and will require a 10% funding match from the recipients.

Eligible Projects

Funding will be available for planning projects only. Engineering and construction costs are not eligible. Priority will be given to projects that focus on economic development, land use decisions and congestion relief.

Application Information

Eligible recipients may request funds by submitting an application containing the required information as outlined on the next page to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Any questions may be answered by calling the Illinois Department of Transportation at (217) 782-2863. New this year is the on-line application process. This preferred method of application can be found at www.dot.state.il.us/corridorplanning/corridor_grant.html.

Applications must be received by the Department by the close of business, December 16, 2005.



ILLINOIS TOMORROW – Corridor Planning Grant Program Application

Please submit copies of your application. Your submittal will need to follow the outline of information detailed below:

Local Metropolitan Planning Organization

Local Agency Sponsor (County or Municipality)

Contact person

Address

Phone

Fax

E-mail address

Mayor/President/Chairman (of County or Municipal applicant)

Address

Phone

Fax

Project Title

Total Cost of Project (include both grant amount and local match)

Local Match Amount

Source of Local Match

Please provide detailed information for the following:

Project Description (Be thorough)

Product(s) to be Produced

(This may be a plan, a report, etc.)

Current documents that this project will expand upon, update or will be inputs to this project.

(What work has been previously completed (or underway) that this project will complement?

Include in this the relationship of this project to other planning studies/construction projects.)

Participating agencies/partners (Include an explanation of their participation)

Project timeline

(Give us a timeline showing your anticipated beginning and ending dates for the various phases of your project.)

Project budget

What current issues prompted the need for this project?

How are those needs being incorporated into this project?

How does this project relate to and/or promote the Illinois Tomorrow Corridor Planning Grant Program goals?

Specifically, address the program goals and evaluation criteria.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

St. Louis Metro-East Area

East-West Gateway Coordinating Council
Gateway Tower
One Memorial Dr., Suite 1600
St. Louis, Missouri 63102-1714
Attn: Les Sterman
314/421-4220 (Phone)
314/231-6120 (Fax)
618/274-2750

Northeastern Illinois

Chicago Area Transportation Study
300 West Adams
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Attn: Claire Bozic
312/793-3456 (Phone)
312/793-3481 (Fax)

South Beloit, Illinois

Stateline Area Transportation Study
100 State Street
Beloit, Wisconsin 53511
Attn: Russ Petrotte
608/364-6702 (Phone)
608/364-6609 (Fax)

Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

McLean County Regional
Planning Commission
115 E. Washington St., M103
Bloomington, Illinois 61701
Attn: Paul Russel
309/828-4331 (Phone)
309/827-4773 (Fax)

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Champaign County Regional
Planning Commission
1776 East Washington Street, P.O. Box 17760
Urbana, Illinois 61803-7760
Attn: Rita Black
217/328-3313 (Phone)
217/328-2426 (Fax)

Quad Cities

Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue, P.O. Box 3368
Rock Island, Illinois 61204-3368
Attn: Gena McCullough
309/793-6302 (Phone) Ext. 146
309/793-6305 (Fax)

Decatur, Illinois

Macon County Department of
Planning & Zoning
Macon County Office Building
141 South Main Street, Room 501
Decatur, Illinois 62523
Attn: Mark Smith
217/424-1466 (Phone)
217/424-1459 (Fax)

East Dubuque, Illinois

Dubuque Metropolitan Area
Transportation Study
3999 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 200
Dubuque, Iowa 52001
Attn: Kelly Hutton-Deutmeyer
563/556-4166 (Phone)
563/556-0348 (Fax)

Kankakee, Illinois

Kankakee County Regional Planning
Commission
189 East Court Street
Kankakee, Illinois 60901
Attn: Mike Lammey
815/937-2940 (Phone)
815/937-2947 (Fax)

Peoria, Illinois

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
411 Hamilton Boulevard, Suite 2001
Peoria, Illinois 61602
Attn: Terry Kohlbus
309/673-9330 (Phone)
309/673-9802 (Fax)

Rockford, Illinois

City of Rockford
Public Works Department
425 East State Street
Rockford, Illinois 61104
Attn: Steve Ernst
815/967-6734 (Phone)
815/967-7058 (Fax)

Springfield, Illinois

Springfield-Sangamon County
Regional Planning Commission
200 South Ninth Street, Room 212
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Attn: Veralee Williams
217/535-3110 (Phone)
217/535-3111 (Fax)

DeKalb, Illinois

DeKalb-Sycamore Area
Transportation Study
223 South 4th Street, Suite A
DeKalb, Illinois 60115
Attn: Ray Keller
815/748-2367 (Phone)
815/748-2359 (Fax)

Danville, Illinois

Danville Area Transportation Study
17 West Main Street
Danville, Illinois 61832
Attn: Adam Aull
217/431-2325 (Phone)
217/431-2237 (Fax)

